

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 4
Columbia River Compact
March 5, 2013

<i>Fisheries under review:</i>
Treaty Indian winter gillnet fishery – Bonneville Pool Sales of Chinook Discontinued

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under permanent regulations, a winter gillnet fishery is open in Zone 6 from noon February 1 to 6:00 p.m. March 21. Gear is limited to gill nets, hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Allowable sales include sturgeon, salmon, steelhead as well as miscellaneous non-native fish.
- The area immediately downstream of Bonneville Dam is also currently open under the terms of agreements with the States during times when areas in Zone 6 are open.
- Preliminary harvest estimates in the 2013 tribal winter season fishery through March 4, 2013 are shown in the table below.

2013 Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Harvest						
Pool	Jan Setline	Winter Gillnet	Total	Guideline	Remaining	Status
Bonneville	15	959	974	1,100	126	Closed 2/27
The Dalles	6	138	144	1,000	856	
John Day	25	1022	1,047	1,000	-47	
Total	46	2,119	2,165	3,100	935	

- Based on actual and projected catch, it is estimated that the Bonneville Pool harvest guideline will be met in the next day or two.

<i>Recommendation – Bonneville Pool</i>
Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday March 6, 2013: The commercial winter gillnet fishery in the Bonneville Pool will close.

- The platform and hook and line fishery in the Bonneville and John Day Pools will remain open for subsistence use only. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in John Day pool may be retained for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence.
- The current regulations for commercial fisheries in the The Dalles pool remain in effect.
- The tribes will continue to monitor the ongoing winter gillnet fishery in The Dalles and will make additional regulation changes as needed.

<i>Recommendation – Sale of Chinook Discontinued</i>
Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday March 6, 2013: The sale of Chinook will not be permitted in any mainstem treaty Indian fisheries.

- At this time the tribes will continue to allow its members to fish from the bank downstream of Bonneville Dam according to the Agreements between the states and tribes. The sale of Chinook from these fisheries and all other fisheries in Zone 6 (hook and line, hoop net, commercial gillnet) will not be permitted.